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ENGLISH SPELING.

Bi Sur HARRY JOHNSTON, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.Sc.

TU mi thinking, the graitest impuls tordz speling reform kumz from the ambishon on the part ov seventi-fiev milionz ov English-speeking peepl in the Oeld Wurld, and a hundred milionz ov English-speeking peepl in the Nyu Wurld, tu maik English the grait wurld langwij, a natyurali born Esperanto, an internashonal meedium ov komyunikaishon which shal, tugether with an internashonal sistem ov waits and mezherz, an internashonal poestij stamp, koin valyu, siëntifik noemenklaityur (aulredi in egzistens), myuzikal noetaishon, alfabet, relijon, and lau, bring neerer and neerer that yunivursal federaishon ov man which aloen kan konstityut the Milenium.

Yet this wurld-wied adopshon ov English wil never be braut about so long az the langwij iz riten and printed in its prezent ilojikal fashon. Nor wil our pozishon be beterd if we reespel our langwij, but again duu so in a pekyuliar wai and without eni referens tu the akseptaishon ov the Latin alfabet abraud. It iz, in mi opinion, fyutiel tu atemt speling reform unles we desied upon a sistem which iz az neerli az posibl in agreement with the moest reezonabl yus ov the Latin alfabet in uther kuntriz, in Spanish or Portuguese-speeking South and Central America, in Suthern Europe, in Western Slavdom, in Japan and Scandinavia, and in a grait mezher in Germany, Hungary, and Rumania.

I hav been ashuurd when in India, and much mor reesentli bi meni Indian vizitorz tu this kuntri, that the prezent irashonal speling ov English, so entierli out ov korespondens with the yus ov the Latin alfabet in uther kuntriz, iz a grait bar tu the inkreest lurning and yus ov English thruout India and Burma. An Englishman hu had held an ofishal skolastik poest in Burma for meni yeerz returnd thens ten yeerz agoe, rezolvd tu devoet hiz penshond egzistens tu

emfasiezing the point and deviezing a fonetik speling ov English for yus thruout the Indian Empier. Az far az I noe, he woz never aibl tu get eni English publisher tu prodyus hiz wurk, tho I lookt thru it and thaut it thuroeli praktikal. It woz, in fakt, litl els than the adopshon for English ov the ekselent speling which haz been enforst bi the Indian Guvernment for the rendering ov vernakyular langwijez and naimz intu Latin leterz. This reformer meerli wisht tu treet English az the Indian Guvernment treets the naitiv langwijez ov India when it wishez tu ekspres thair soundz in Latin leterz. Az ten yeerz hav paast, and I hav hurd no mor ov this reformer, I imajin he must hav been asasinaited in sum bak ali ov Paternoster Row or Fleet Street.

Perhaps wun ov the best waiz ov efekting a reform which aul far-sieted pursonz must dezier tu acheev befor it iz tuu lait, and befor English az a meenz ov inter-komyunikaishon haz been abandond bekauz imposibl in its orthografi, wood be for a konferens ov American and British ekspoenents ov fonetik speling tu meet, iether in the United States or in sum English or Scottish siti, and thair agree upon a standerd ov English pronunsiaishon, which wood be regarded az orthodoks and ov yunivursal aplikaishon, a standerd which thai wood rekomend tu be taut aliek in the skuulz ov the United States, ov Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India, and Britain. Thai kood at the saim tiem, bi a majoriti ov voets, set forth whot thai beleevd tu be the moest reezonabl reformd orthografi ov the langwij in akordans with orthodoks pronunsiaishon, and az much az posibl in akord with the European valyuz ov the leterz, so that the alfabet yuzd for English miet be neerli the saim az that yuzd for the Western Slav langwijez, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Danish, Swedish, and the aksepted rendering intu the Latin karakter ov the wied-spred langwijez ov India, Japan, and Negro Africa.

. . . AND when he iz a yung sitizen at skuul he iz forst tu spend about tuu ov the best yeerz ov hiz lief in lurning that aulmoest everi leter ov the insain British alfabet iz pronounst in so meni diferent waiz that it wood be aulmoest az cheep tu hav no alfabet at aul. No purson hu iz driven at the whak ov the kain tu beleev, kontrari tu reezon and konshens, that *c* soundz the saim az *k*, and that *col-* in "colonel" soundz az *kur* (which it reali duzn't bekauz the *u* sound in "colonel" duzn't apeer in the alfabet at aul) haz a riet tu kaul himself free. He iz much mor liek a slaiv. It iz a thouzand tiemz eezier tu beleev in transubstanshiaishon than tu poot implisit faith in the pronunsiaishon ov the English langwij. Yet the mizerabl surf-kid iz driven tu skuul and spankt if he hazn't beleef in theez and a hundred eekwali fuulish propozishonz.—The "Bulletin," New South Wales.

DHI IUROPIK ALFABET.

AT nou sœbsikwent steij ov hiz kariir iz a doktor kwait sou hapili sitiueited az hwen hii iz on dhi haus staaf ov a hospital. Bœrstiq with niuli akwaird nolij, hii nouz egzaktli hwot iz best for evriwœn, and dhi peishœnts ool hav tu duu jœst hwot hii telz dhem. Leiter on, in praivit praktis, hii lœrnz dhat dhi riali vaital kweschœn iz not "Hwot shal ai tel dhi peishœnt tu duu?" bœt "Hwot iz dhi best kors dhat ai kan indius dhi peishœnt tu adopt?"

Az a yœq man, Alexander John Ellis, in konsœlteishœn with Isaąc Pitman, had nou difikœlti in daiagnouziq dhi trœbl from hwich dhi British pœblik woz sœferiq, nor in preskraibiq Fonotipi az dhi korekt triitment; bœt hii faund dhat dhi peishœnt refiuzd pointblaqk tu hav enithiq tu duu with sou drastik a remedi, dekleiriq dhat dhi kiur woz wœrs dhan dhi diziiz. Lukiq bak on dhi insident in dhi lait ov forti yiirz akiumiuleited ekspiiriens, Ellis woz dispouzd tu bleim himself for haviq, with iuthful impetiuositi, preskraibd dhi aidiial kors tu an insœfishœntli ediukeited peishœnt. Niu leterz, hii dhen sorofuli konfest, meit stil bii dhi kaunsel ov perfekshœn, bœt it wud ounli bii bai juudishœs ius ov dhi ould wunz dhat dhi pœblik kud ever bii broot tu apriishieit dhi fakt.

Diuriq dhi forti interviiniq yiirz Ellis had thœroli tested dhi veiriœs weponz in hiz armori. In order tu distiqgwish ool dhi fain sheidz ov *Early English Pronunciation* hii had evolvd hiz Paliotaip, hwail tu rekord kontemporari daialekts hii elaboreited hiz Glosik. Bouth dhiiz sistemz weir orijinali intended for speshal pœrposiz ounli, bœt hii had not iuzd Glosik for loq befor hii faund dhat it woz a kompliit kiur for dhi speliq diziiz. Wœns agein, hauever, hii woz ahed ov hiz taimz, and faund dhat dhi remedi woz tuu streinj. And sou wii kœm tu dhi greit Speliq Reform autbœrst ov dhi leit 70'z.

In 1877 dhi English Spelling Reform Association woz started, and evriwœn set tu wœrk tu invent skiimz, reinjiq from dhi moust traifliq modifikeishœnz ov aur prezent sistem tu dhi wiird Kiilik ov R. P. Bull.* Aparentli iivn Ellis woz parshali stiupifaid bai dhi

* Ai teiq tev qopis manzli zrev mai bvqcelar, van aw hvitx ai cend tv mai can ut Xiqaugov.

din ov ool dhiiz konfliktiq skiimz, for in hiz *Dimidiun Speling* hii atemted tu popiularaiz Glosik bai admitiq veiriœs ooltœrnativ speliqz. Wœn kombineishœn ov sainz oolweiz indikeited wœn kombineishon ov saundz, so dhat dheir woz nou difikœlti abaut riidiq; bœt, in order tu luk mor laik dhi ould speliq, wœn kombineishœn ov saundz mait bii reprezented bai tuu or thrii diferent kombineishœnz ov sainz. Dhis iz jœst hwot Dr. Bridges propouzd dhi œdher dei.

Fainali, in 1881, Ellis put forwerd tuu kompromaiziz hwich, in dhi lait ov hiz vaast ekspiiriens, siimd tu kombain dhi minimœm ov inakiurasi with dhi maksimœm ov akseptabiliti. Dhiiz weir Sœjestiv—hwich tuk dhi pleis ov Dimidiun—and Iuropik.

Wœn ov dhi fiu valid objekshœnz dhat haz ever biin advaanst ageinst reformd speliq iz dhat moust skiimz okiupai slaitli mor speis dhan dhi ould stail; and it iz tu miit dhis objekshœn dhat dhi daigrafs in S.S. ar rediust befor a folouiq vauel. It iz interestiq tu nout dhat Sœjestiv and S.S., ooldhou dhei weir evolvd entairli independentli, ar praktikali dhi seim eksept for dhis wœn fiicher.

Ellis'z beliif dhat dhi balans ov advaantij lei with dhi Iqglish vauel beisis, iz sheird bai dhi Komiti ov dhi S.S.S., and hidhertu nou œdher haz biin emploid in THE PIONEER. Bœt if a thiq iz wœrth duuiq, it iz wœrth duuiq wel; and memberz ar sou konstantli sendiq in kontinental skiimz, hwich feil dizmali hwen put tu dhi test, dhat it iz az wel tu giv an egzaampl ov a riali praktikal skiim on dhat beisis.

Az dhis entair artikl iz riten in Iuropik it iz perhaps œnnesesari tu giv eni fœrdher eksplaneishœn, partikiularli sins the folouiq paragraaf woz speshali dezaind bai Ellis az a sœrchiq test for eni skiim:

"Aa, faadher, ai am shuur dhat dhat niu braanch ov aur Jorj'iz feiverit wud-bain, hwich iz grouiq niir dhi poust not far from dhi north wool ov dhi garden, mœst be seif tu mezher abaut tuu fiit or mor in leqth tudei, œnles sœm mis'hap iz okœrriq, or it haz sœdenli lost its vaital enerji, for ai hav keirfuli obzœrvd its reit ov inkriis evri wiik dhis mœnth, and nouted it daun akiuritli on iur sleit, and ai nou dhat it haz ekspiirienst nou veirieishœn, barriq wœns, diuriq a desperitli anoiiq interval ov kould porriq rein."

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THE PRINTER AND SPELING.

THE Printer'z Reeder, in komon with the rest ov the wurld, keenli feelz the rush ov our modern sivilizaishon. It iz inevitabl nouadaiz that books, magazeenz, nyuspaiperz, ets., shood be prodyust with rapiditi; and the reeder that kan suksesfuli turn out a grait kwontiti ov mater in a litl tiem iz in urjent rekwest.

The daiz ar for ever gon when a man kood be aloud tu waid thru a pruuf—furst, for "literals," "outs," "doubles," ets.; sekondli, for punktyuaishon and "stiel ov the hous"; and even thurdli, for sens and gramatikal niesetiz, tu sai nuthing ov a forth reeding bi the reviezer, a fifth bi the author or editor, and a siksth bi the pres reeder for the finishing tuchez. A veri smaul proporshon ov the reeding mater nou submited tu the publik kan be delt with in this thuroe and painztaiking maner. I suspekt that a good deel (espeshali in a nyuspaiper ofis) gets thru with wun reeding, and that a veri rapid proeses.

The kondishonz, tuu, under which the reeder duz hiz wurk ar diferent from thoez ov the oelden daiz. The iedeal iz: he shal sit in a plais apart from aul the busl ov the kompoezing room, from the perpetyual oepening ov the dor ov hiz sanktum bi unseremonius and flurid mesenjerz, and from the klik and ror ov tiepseting and printing masheeneri. In this iedeal piktyur he iz enfoelded in an atmosfeer ov purfekt sereniti, with nuthing tu disturb hiz filosofik kaam or tu rufl hiz Caxtonian digniti whiel he iz lisening tu the floing peeriodz ov the author az thai ar deklaimd tu him with graisful elokyushon bi the akomplisht asistant (or kopihoelder) at hiz sied.

Whiel this, or sumthing liek it, mai hav been hiz lot in the daiz ov Leksikografer Johnson, it iz nou far utherwiez, az aul prezent-dai reederz ar painfuli awair.

Enithing, then, which haz a tendensi tu redyus the presher ov prezent kondishonz must be welkum tu the fraturniti, for huuz benefit theez lienz ar pend bi wun ov themselvz.

It iz heerin klaimd that the Simplified Speling Sosieti haz provieded us with a skeem which, if adopted, wood saiv a grait deel ov tiem and wood aulso konsiderabli lesen the aulmoest numberles posibilitiz ov tipografikal eror which nesesarili inheer in the konvenshonal speling.

From asurshon let us proseed tu demonstraishon in siks partikyularz.

1. Taik the sheer difikulti ov speling. It iz fairli obvius that sum men hav a beter vizhyual memori than utherz (and upon this memori the hoel biznes hinjez—wun need not elaborait that point). Such men mai be dispoezd tu laaf at mi sujestion ov eni difikulti. But mai I ventyur tu poot a fyu kwestionz, krediting mi *confrères* with sufishent moral kurij tu fais them fairli and tu aanser them skwairli? Duu we ever hav tu refur tu the dikshonari? Whi, if not that we hav forgoten hou tu spel a wurd? Tu pres this mater a litl mor kloesli, hav we never murmerd tu ourselvz: Hou meni *n*'z in "innuendo," *l*'z and *n*'z in "millennium," *t*'z and *l*'z in "battalion," *s*'z and *c*'z in "abscess, abscissa, isosceles"; *e*'z in "ineffaceable, acknowledgment, unmistakable, saleable, rateable"; *r*'z in "harass, embarrass"? Whot about "paralyse, advertise, organize"? Hav we never been flord bi "recompense, adscititious, aqueduct, predilection, ipecacuanha, antediluvian, artisan, desuetude, desiccate, crystal, chrysalis, consensus, fuchsia"? Everi such difikulti vanishez bi the adopshon ov S.S. Its simpl ruul iz: wun sound, wun simbol. Dubl leterz ar yuzd oenli when sounded, az in "unnoen, dissatisfied," ets.

2. Dair we sai that we hav never been kaut naping and aloud wun ov the foloing wurdz tu paas for its iritaiting bruther—"peace, piece; pear, pare, pair; straight, strait; chord, cord; practice, practise; right, wright, rite, write; coarse, course; hale, hail; beech, beach; bass, base; acetic, ascetic," ets.? Such traps duu not ariez in S.S.; tuu or mor wurdz pronounst aliek ar spelt aliek. "Whot konfyuzhon!" it mai be retorted. Not at aul; the kontekst prevents that.

3. We mai not redili admit that our links ie haz at eni tiem been deseevd bi the rezemblans ov outlien (in manyuskript mor than in print) prezented bi the

subjoind list ; but duu not we remember that the kompozitor haz ofen given us wun for the uther, and that the kopihoelder haz faulen intu the iedentikal trap when reeding tu us from the manyuskript ? And it mai be that if I apeel tu our oeld frend the man in the street he wood koroborait me in saiing that sum ov theez mistaiks hav been noen tu slip intu print despiet the absurditi manifest in kontekst.

It wil be seen at a glaans that theez rezemblansez duu not egzist in the S.S. outlienz, which I giv in parentheseez aafter the konvenshonal spelingz :

> Acid, acrid (asid, akrid) ; dear, clear (deer, kleer) ; art, act (art, akt) ; taste, task (taist, taask) ; special, spinal (speshal, spienal) ; baldness, boldness (bauldnes, boeldnes) ; classes, classics (klaasez, klasiks) ; hearth, heath, health (harth, heeth, helth) ; interesting, intersecting (interesting, intersekting) ; country, county (kuntri, kounti) ; dance, dame (daans, daim) ; line, live (lien, liv) ; could, would (kood, wood) ; civil, civic (sivil, sivik) ; ever, even (ever, eeven) ; contrast, contract (kontraast, kontrakt) ; when, where (when, whair) ; mark, mask (mark, maask) ; part, past (part, paast) ; broad, board (braud, bord) ; officinal, official (ofisinal, ofishal) ; professional, professorial (profeshonal, profesorial) ; text, test (tekst, test) ; recourse, resource (rekors, resors) ; cash, each (kash, eech) ; vein, view (vain, vyu).

4. Hou we hav trembld at the mieti raij ov sum inflooenshal individyual when he haz riten tu the ofis tu noe whi we hav daird tu depart from hiz rendering ov "license [noun], monies, shew, connection, pourtray," ets. ! Theez peeriodikal avalaanchez ov invektiv wood no longer kompromiez our digniti or (far mor important from the printer'z point ov vyu) waist the tiem ov the furm if the rashonal speling wer adopted : "liesens [noun or vurb], muniz, shoe, konekshon, portrai," ets.

5. I ventyur tu sujest that a *c* iz freekwentli printed for an *e*. It kan never hapen in S.S. *C* (which must be sounded iether az a *k* or az an *s*) haz no plais in the skeem. *Exeunt*, thairfor, aul erorz ov that kiend !

6. Laast, but not ov leest importans, thair iz the grait advaantij that the kopihoelder wil no longer be stumbling along with that haulting and faulti pronunsiaishon which (in the kais ov a yuuthful asistant) iz yuzhyuali inseparabl from our ridikyulus moed ov speling without ruul. Speeking from ekspeeriens, I feerlesli asurt that this urstwhiel bugbair ov the reeding department wil bekum a yusful, if not a charming, kompanion.

On eech ov the siks points, then, I respektfuli submit, an imens amount ov tiem wil be saivd. And tiem, in a printing ofis, iz a valyuabl artikl.

IMPRUUVING THE ENGLISH LANGWIJ.

THAIR ar tuu waiz in which whot Mr. Grant White hapili kauld "everidai English" miet be maid vaastli mor efektiv for its grait funkshon, the the ekspreshon and komyunikaishon ov thaut : the speling ov wurdz and presies meening ov boeth wurdz and fraizez. It iz not nesesari tu sai much in this konekshon about speling. Aul the grait English skolarz in aul English-speeking kuntriz ar speling reformerz. Aul hu noe enithing wurth noing about the histori ov the formz ov English wurdz ar awair that oeld English speling woz ment tu be phonetik, that the apairent vagairiz ov oeld speling wer kauzd cheefli bi kaprishus chainjiz ov pronunsiaishon and bi natyural but fyutiel eforts ov the speling tu ajust itself tu chainjez ov sound. When Milton wonted the paast tens ov "sai" tu riem with "fed" he spelt it "sed" ; when he wonted it tu riem with "maid" he spelt it "said" or "sayde." Modern fikst speling ov English iz not "good oeld" speling, bekauz it iz niether good nor oeld ; it iz bad fonetikali, bad filolojikali, and bad praktikali, and it daits larjli from the tiem ov the furst grait leksikografer Samuel Johnson. Thair never woz in eni altruistik kruusaid so kompleetli a wun-sieded argyument az that for the reform ov English speling.—From a leeding artikl in the "Toronto Globe."

THE MONTESSORI METHOD.

MIS SIMPSON, Lektyurer in Kindergarten tu the Sydney Training Kolej, haz been eksperimenting for the laast yeer with the Montessori sistem in the praktising skuul at Blackfriars. Tu kwoet from the "Times Educational Supplement":

> The furst report ov a yeer'z eksperimental wurk haz just reecht this kuntri, and the results ov the Montessori klaas in Sydney ar moest interesting. Children broek intu rieting ov thair oen akord and without eni formal teeching. The fonik elements wer maasterd and aplied bi moest children in tuu weeks. Wun chield maid forti wurdz with kardbord leterz in the furst ten daiz—wurdz not sujested bi the teecher, but hiz oen. Aafterwerdz kaim sentensez and paragraafs, and at this staij the children seemd tu be seezd with an akyut reeding feever. Everiwun woz bizi and hapi, and in the faisez ov direktorz and children shon the joi ov acheevment.
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> The Montessori prinsiplz hav nou been suksesfuli karid out in skuulz atacht tu the Kolej. Children lurn tu reed and riet without mental strain, and the teecherz deklair thai kood not revurt tu the oeld sistem ov klaas teeching on eni konsideraishon whotever.

In the liet ov this report—or perhaps he iz stil laiboring in outer darknes—it iz kyurius that Mr. Caldwell Cook shood riet in hiz prefais tu No. 4 ov the *Perse Playbooks:* "The Montessori sistem, on the uther hand, iz mainli a negativ propozishon, and we mai ekspekt tu see its meeger pozitiv sied sufokaited befor long bi that absurd 'Mateerial.'" Nou aul onor iz dyu tu Mr. Cook for the ekselent wurk he iz duing at the Perse Skuul, and the laitest book from the skuul iz anuther fether in hiz kap; but he must bewair lest hiz egzyuberans oevershadoez hiz jujment. In thus sumarili dispoezing ov the Montessori sistem and, in uther plaisez in hiz prefais, kaasting cheep jiebz at the Simplified Speling Sosieti and uther wurkerz, he seemz tu think that he haz found the oenli paath tu heven. If he haz, we hoep that he wil lurn in tiem tu travers it with mor hyumiliti.

FROM NEER AND FAR.

IN a kopi ov the "Toronto Globe," which haz just reecht us, iz the foloing leter:

> In starting tu teech sum forinerz I woz graitli serpriezd tu fiend out that a paij ov our print, so kleer tu us, woz tu them simpli a mas ov puzl, and that no tiem or efort which thai miet poot on aulmoest eni wurd wood enaibl them tu reed it korektli with surtinti. Reesentli I roet "is" on a blakbord and aaskt a klaas tu reed it. Thai wer kwiet unaibl, tho the wurd iz so short and simpl. I found that tu them the *i* miet be long or short, and the *s* miet be *s* or *z*. Thus "is" miet be sounded liek *iez*, or liek *ies*, or *is* az in "mis," or *iz* az we yuzhyuali pronouns it. But tu them wun wai woz az liekli tu be korekt az anuther. Thai kood be shuur ov nun. Hens unlimited waist ov tiem and efort and kountles erorz. When this iz aded tu the fakt that Ontario iz waisting a milion dolarz yeerli on our sensles speling, besiedz luuzing a preshus yeer ov eech chield'z edyukaishon and injuring thair reezoning fakultiz, we shuurli hav veri strong ground for suporting the leeding edyukaitorz ov our Empier when thai sai the need ov speling reform iz urjent.

Thair woz aulso a report ov the Anyual Meeting ov the Ontario Edyukaishonal Asoesiaishon, and it iz signifikant tu noet that wun ov the Sekshonz ov the Elementari Department ov that bodi iz the "Reformd Speling Sekshon."

THE Hed Mistres ov a London skuul riets :

I tried a fyu ov the children with the litl book yu sent, *Nurseri Riemz and Simpl Poëmz*, and am delieted tu tel yu that theez children (bairli seven yeerz ov aij) took it up moest redili.

"MI oen vyu iz that wurdz shood be spelt az pronounst, but that a fyu ekstra tieps shood be introdyust insted ov yuzing the ekstra leterz."—Editor, "Newspaper Owner and World."

"YU sai in yur leter that 'the printer iz the real autokrat' in the mater. *He izn't*. It iz the man hu paiz for the printing being dun—publisher, or author, or advertiezer—hu kontroelz the speling. Get a publisher and an author tu agree tu isyu a nyu novel, sai, in simplified speling, and yu see hou it selz, and yu wil then get an iedea about yur speling that wil be a real survis."—Editor, "Caxton Magazine and Modern Lithographer."

"The British Parliment shood taik the leed in eni muuvment ov this kiend. A strong objekshon tu our yus ov Simplified Speling heer iz that the tail iz atemting tu wag the dog. We hav the advaantij, houever, ov les prejoodis. We aulso noetis that in meni parts ov the wurld, az in Judea, the reform which started in ruural hilz ov Nazareth reecht Jerusalem veri much laiter. A nip on the tail mai turn the stoutest dog riet about. That's whi we ar niping."—Dr. A. H. MACKAY, Syuperintendent ov Edyukaishon, Nova Scotia.

"WOOD it be akseptabl or yusful tu hav on yur petishon for a Roial Komishon the ofishal signatyur ov the Ontario Braanch? I hoep veri sinseerli the Komishon wil be aaskt for bi a multityud'z petishon, that it wil be graanted, and that it wil duu sumthing at wuns radikal and efektiv."—Prof. JOHN DEARNESS, The Normal Skuul, London, Ontario.

MR. ANDREW BRODRICK, hu iz so zelus a suporter ov our wurk, riets :

I think yu wil be interested tu heer that Dr. Betts Taplin, ov Liverpool, huuz aplikaishon for membership yu wil suun reseev, if yu hav not aulredi dun so, iz a wel noen speshalist in the treetment ov dizeez bi Hipnotik Sujestion and an eks-Prezident ov the Sieko-Medikal Sosieti ov Great Britain. I understand he iz wel noen aul oever the medikal wurld az a moest suksesful pioneer in the treetment ov obstinait kaisez ov dizeez bi hipnotizm.

DR. RICH. BANGAY, ov New Tredegar, Mon., riets :

Thank yu for yur kiendli "welkum" tu the Simplified Speling Sosieti. Aultho I had never hurd ov the Sosieti befor, I roet tu Mr. Drummond that mi adopshon seemz liek a "hoem kuming," so much am I in simpathi with the muuvment. Siksti yeerz agoe I thru mieself with grait zeel intu Pitman's "fonetik" sistem ov reform. I am tuu oeld nou tu komens again, so the advaantij ov mi being a member ov yur Sosieti wil, I'm afraid, be aul on wun sied. Thank yu for the literatyur. I am pleezd tu see the kwotaishon from mi oeld frend William Morris on the frunt paij ov *Simplified Speling*. Doent yu think it wood be a good thing tu advokait whot the Deen ov St. Andrews sed in publik the uther dai—"that everi wun shood spel hiz oen wai, and he hu kood riet moest reedabli shood be konsiderd the best speler." It struk me at the tiem that a revoluushon ov that sort wood be an ekselent thing: it wood krak the thik ies ov habit and kreait a terifik rou in the literari kamp, which wood

tend mor tu braik up the glasial krust than enithing els. It wood prodyus an armi ov militant sufrajets that wood bring thair hevi stoenz and hamerz tu the wurk ov fraktyuring the bloks. Such a fiet wood be shuur tu leed, in a short tiem, tu a kompleet reform—that ov having everi spoeken sound reprezented bi its aproepriait sien. A kompleet reform bi the Simplified Speling Sosieti'z method wil taik aijez tu akomplish, whairaz a revoluushon such az that sujested bi the Deen wood bring it about in a much shorter tiem. Nevertheles, the Simplified Speling Sosieti iz duing moest ekselent wurk, and I am "the oeld man in a huri." I hav just red yur "Appeal," and hav absorbd everi wurd ov it. The hoel problem iz byutifuli diskust—so simpli, kleerli, and forsibli poot that it leevz no plais for kontenshon.

MR. WM. F. CATES, ov the Edyukaishon Department, Melbourne, riets tu the Sekretari:

I hav tu aknolej yur reesent pamflets, and beg tu forwerd yu sum naimz ov nyu memberz. We ar aul ofiserz ov the Edyukaishon Department, az yu wil see.

Sum tiem agoe, at mi instigaishon, the Department maid a fyu simplifikaishonz in the speling in aul its publikaishonz—*e.g.* kuting *u* out ov "honour," and maiking *ize* duu dyuti for *ise* in aul kaisez. A grait storm raijd oever the mater loekali. Moest ov the nyuspaiperz wer hostiel or skornful, and moest ov the publik-skuul maasterz (non-Departmental) wer opoezd tu the chainjez—sum ov them, I feer, just bekauz the Department maid them. It miet duu good if yu kood send theez hed maasterz a fyu ov yur reesent pamflets. I apend a short list. An ofishal leter haz aulredi been sent from this Department *re* the propoezd Langwij Komishon. I hoep yu wil be aibl tu get the asistans ov the Nyu York Simplified Speling Bord. I shal be oenli tuu glad tu help loekali in eni wai I kan. I hav aulredi sekyurd a grait meni adheerents for the kauz.

KORESPONDENS.

MR. OLDFIELD THOMAS returnz tu the charj in the foloing leter:—

I shood leik tu ekspres mei plezher that, in yur anotaishon tu mei leter on the subjekt ov *ei* for *ie*, yu admit mei main kontenshon—that *ie* for long *i* iz not satisfaktori, aultho yu ar stil advers tu *ei*. Mai I, then, trespas again on yur spais with a further konsideraishon ov the aulturnativz availabl?

Furst, yu shoe that *ei* iz nou yuzd with several diferent valyuz—az in "vein, ceiling, heifer, heir," ets., but shuurli the hoel *raison d'être* ov Simplifeid Speling iz the idiotik multityud ov such valyuaishonz, and it iz our biznes tu get rid ov them. If the valyu that *ei* haz in "vein" wer reali the natyural wun the mater wood be diferent; but I ventyur tu think that, in speit ov that being [shood this be "being"?] the moest freekwent valyu, no wun speeks it instinktivli—oenli bekoz thai hav been taut it in thoez wurdz; and this iz thairfor an instans ov the unreleiabiliti ov the prinsipl ov kounting freekwensi tu test natyural valyuz.

Ov the aulturnativz menshond bei yurself and uther korespondents, *y* iz veri atraktiv at furst seit, but wun seez veri suun that it wil not duu, for it wil aulmoest invairiabli be pronounst short insted ov long; and this, indeed, iz in akord with wun ov the furst prinsiplz ov our Sosieti—that a vouel bei itself iz short.

Ov Mr. Banks'z three aulturnativz the oenli posibl wun iz *iy*, az neither ov the uther wunz wood be natyurali pronounst long *i*. Az tu *ih*, in meni,

if not aul, kaisez it wood sujest that sum atemt shood be maid tu drag in an aspirait, and we wont no mor doutful aspiraits, having mor than enuf with "what, which," & Co.

If yu wil trei the eksperiment on a number ov edyukaited Englishmen ov aasking the wai thai wood natyurali pronouns

þiel,	a majoriti wood sai	"peel"
þeyl,	„ „	"pail,"
þihl,	„ „	"pile" (aspiraited),
þyl,	„ „	"pill,"
þiyl, *þiil*, *þeil*		"pile,"

the sound we wish tu get.

Kompairing theez laast three, the oenli wunz for which instinkt givz us the saut-for sound, (1) *iy* seemz kumberd and iz absoluutli unnoen in the langwij; (2) *ii* iz aukwerd oing tu its rezemblans in print tu a modifeid *u*, and seemz tu hav no frendz amung us. On the uther hand, (3) *ei* haz at leest sum instansez tu suport it—minimeiz them az yu mai—seemz simpl and natyural, and, tho we aulmoest ostentaishusli refyuz tu admit forin valyuz az eni geid, yet its egzakt ekwivalent in German tu the sound dezeird iz shuurli not a disadvaantij, az indeed Mr. Gundry noets.

[In diskusing the sujested yus ov *y* for S.S. *ie* we rekogniezd that, in wurdz ov the "time" tiep aloen, it wood not be reedabl at siet. This, houever, mai wel be thaut tu be kounterbalanst bi the grait advaantij ov having wun leter insted ov tuu. It iz obviusli a sound prinsipl not tu yuz tuu leterz whair wun kan duu the wurk, and eekwali sound tu maik yus, if posibl, ov the leterz that our puur alfabet proviedz. Let it be konseeded that "tym, typ, syt" ar strainj tu thoez hu hav been braut up on the oeld speling. Tu the kuming jeneraishon that starts with a rashonal speling thai wood prezent no difikulti. If it iz urjd (and with good reezon) that we must duu whot we kan tu render our rashonal speling reedabl tu thoez hu hav "lurnt tu spel," then it mai be aaskt ov thoez hu advokait *ei* hou the oeld speler wil reed thair "vein" (O.S. "vine"), "weir" (O.S. "wire"), "weird" (O.S. "wired"), "feind" (O.S. "find"), "veil" (O.S. "vile"), "heir" (O.S. "hire"), "seiz" (O.S. "size"), "slei" (O.S. "sly"), ets.?

The ekspreshon "natyural valyu" strieks us az sumwhot dainjerus. The reprezentaishon ov speech soundz iz a pyurli konvenshonal thing. In English surtin diegraafs ar yuzd with fairli staibl valyuz. If I aask eniwun hou he pronounsez *sh* or *ee* thair kan be no dout az tu the aanser. If I put befor twenti peepl fansi wurdz liek "shab" or "seeg" thai wil aul pronouns them aliek. Thair ar uther diegraafs which ar yuzd with several valyuz, such az *ea*, *oo*, *ie*, *ei*. If yu maik up wurdz kontaining theez, liek "meart, klood, flien, blein," peepl simpli doent noe whot tu maik ov the vouelz. Thai hav no "natyural valyu." Ov kors, wun hu noez German mai be temted tu giv German valyuz tu "flien" and "blein"; but supoez we poot "flieth" and "bleith" befor him—whair the *th* givz the wurdz an un-German look—whot then?]

Sins rieting the abuv we hav reseevd an interesting leter from Mr. HOGARTH, ov Johannesburg, in which he deelz with this veri kwestion amung utherz. We retain hiz speling:

> The propoazd *ei* haz wun veri grait disadvantaij—it duz not sujest the "long *i*" sound tu English speekerz hoo oanli pozes a komon skool edeukaishon. For the purpos ov testing this I maid out a list ov thertiseiks wurdz—moastli koind wurdz without eni meening—and aaskt frendz tu giv the pronunsiaishon which thai thaut the speling sujested. The rezult shoad that in neerli everi kais the form *ei* sujested the vouel ov "feed." . . .
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> A nolij ov langwijez mai bias aul speling reformerz in faivor ov *ei*; but it wood be wel tu remember that the ordinari publik, for hooz suport and aprooval we kaiter, ar not inflooenst by eni uther tung.

Mr. Hogarth then givz a komparativ list ov wurdz tu shoe that the yus ov *y* leedz tu kleerer outlienz. We print a selekshon, in larj tiep, so az tu emfasiez the point.

dezeier	dezyer
beier	byer
kweiet	kwyet
soseieti	sosyeti
fleiing	flying
deinameit	dynamyt

He konkluudz:

The objekshon that *y*, being a singl leter, and thairfor not aproapreeait for the reprezentaishon ov a difthong, iz, I hoap, not a faital objekshon. Despyt its singlnes, I kan not help but think it performz aul the deutiz pertaining tu the "long *i*" sound moast perfektli.

Mr. ARCHER WILDE, ov 84 Lexham Gardens, London, W., riets:

I wil not aask for spais in THE PIONEER tu replie tu "W. H. T.'z" kritisizm ov mi book on the alfabet, hwich iz fair and eeven jenerus, tho I duu not agree with aul he sez; but wun point, with yur permishon, I shood much liek tu raiz. Evri number ov THE PIONEER kontainz long and aibl diskushonz ov the best diegrafs tu yuz for speling vouel soundz such az thoez ov "isle, pull, pool," and uther wurdz, and, in the kurent number, Mr. Gundry rietli points out the dezierabiliti ov avoiding diegrafs hwich wil giv riez tu ambigyuiti. For instans, he sez *ea* must not be yuzd bekoz the leterz stand for thair individyual soundz in seekwens in "create, ideal," and uther wurdz. But kan eni diegrafs be found hwich ar not oepen tu this graiv objekshon? I think not, and it rekwierz pruuf that thoez he selekts (*e.g.*, *ei*) ar eni freer from it than thoez he kondemz. The truuth iz that this method ov diegrafs, bi hwich O.S. and S.S. aliek attemt tu eek out the defishensiz ov the prezent alfabet, iz radikali bad and doutfuli beter eeven than a sistem ov diakritiks, hwich moest ov us ar agreed in kondeming. Unles mi kalkyulaishonz ar sadli at fault, the English langwij, bi hwich I meen the real thing and not the poliglot travesti ov a langwij that paraidz az English in our books, iz maid up ov about forti diferent soundz. Hou, then, kan we posibli ekspekt tu denoet theez satisfaktorili with oenli twenti-tuu sienz—the prezent alfabet les *c*, *q*, *x*, and *j*, hwich laast must aulso be kounted out az a kompound? The adopshon ov forti sienz for theez forti soundz wood at wun bloe dispoez ov aul theez difikultiz with hwich yuer korespondents so aibli, but az I think so fruutlesli, strugl. Iz this imposibl? I beleev the iedea tu be a sort ov nietmair from hwich we aut at wuns tu awaik and tu asyum a rashonal liberti tu yuz az meni sienz az mai be found ekspeedient.

[We reseev everi week skeemz ov English speling in which yus iz maid ov nyu leterz; but hardli eniwun seemz tu realiez the fundamental difikulti ov the problem. If we ar tu adopt nyu leterz we kan not konsider the kwestion from a nashonal point ov vyu oenli. Uther naishonz wont tu impruuv thair speling, or wil suun wont tu duu so. The prezent vairiaishonz ov skript and ov yuzij eeven amung thoez hu yuz the Roman alfabet ar absurd. Thingz wood not be much mor satisfaktori if everi naishon wer tu set about deviezing nyu leterz for itself. Thair must be koöperaishon.

Az a mater ov fakt, an internashonal alfabet—that ov the Internashonal Fonetik Asoesiaishon—haz long been in yus. It iz the rezult ov ankshus kair and studi, and iz far mor wiedli yuzd than eni uther for teeching the pronunsiaishon ov meni langwijez. Tu ignor aul the wurk ov the paast iz tu inkur the charj ov wilful bliendnes.

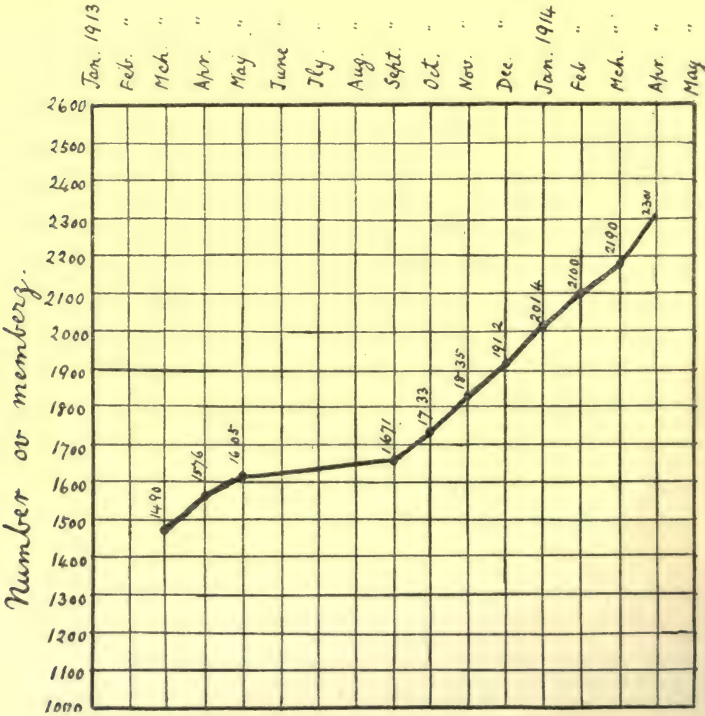
Anuther point in which maikerz ov nyu alfabets tuu ofen goe astrai iz that ov the praktikal yus ov thair leterz. Thai drau them on a larj skail; sumtiemz the artistik efekt iz charming. Nuthing kood be mor delietful than the skript

sujested bi the Poët Laureait. But redyus them tu the siez in which theez wurdz ar printed, masheen twenti thouzand kopiz from stereotiep plaits, and yur opinion wil chainj. Or, again, print everi letter ov the saim hiet, az Mr. Archer Wilde sujests, and yu destroi at wuns the iregyular outlien which iz so valyuabl in enaibling us tu rekogniez wurdz kwikli, and thus helping us tu atain speed in reeding.

Tu deviez nyu leterz iz no liet undertaiking. Rairli duu we meet with such an obviusli ekselent wun az the sien for *ng* adopted in the internashonal alfabet —naimli, *n* with the tail ov a *g*. And yet we mai aask ourselvz, aafter reeding (on anuther paij ov this number) the artikl on the "Iuropik" alfabet, whether *q* wood not duu just az wel!]

CHART OV THE MEMBERSHIP OV THE S.S.S., MARCH, 1913–AIPRIL, 1914.

THE figerz ar taiken from thoez publisht in THE PIONEER. Not oenli kan the aktyual membership ov the Sosieti at eni given dait be seen at a glaans, but the *rait* ov inkrees iz shoen bi the *sloep* ov the kurv. Dyuring the winter 1913–1914 the averij munthli inkrees haz been 86.



NOETS AND NYUZ.

The membership ov the Sosieti nou numberz 2327.

A DAI in our "lair" (az the funi paiperz kaul it) opozit the British Museum, wood oepen the iez ov the uninishiaited tu the far reeching naityur ov our muuvment. Everi morning'z poest bringz leterz from aul parts ov the wurld in pruuf ov the fakt that we ar not paroekial bizibodiz, az the mor ignorant ov our kritiks wood maik out, but **pioneerz ov a far-flung reform.**

UTHER pruuf ov the yubikwiti ov speling reformerz mai be found in the kolumz ov that organ ov liet, the "Daily Mail." Heer "Six Years' Resident," rieting from British Columbia, bewailz the fakt that American spelingz ar apeering in the tekstbooks ov the deer litl skuul children. Did "Six Years' Resident" but noe, theez ar but the furst sienz ov an emansipaishon ov the skuul children that wil sweep not oenli Canada, but the oeld kuntri az wel. Perhaps siks yeerz' rezidens haz not been sufishent tu akwaint this rieter with the fakt that meni ov the hedz ov Edyukaishon Departments in Canada ar in faivor ov speling reform.

THE March number ov the "Simplified Speling Bord Bulletin," the organ ov the Simplified Speling Bord ov America, iz partikyularli briet and inspiering. Thingz "oever thair" ar progresing apais jujing from the enthyuziazm with which the wurk ov the Simplified Speling Bord iz being greeted. Meeting aafter meeting iz endorsing the planz ov the reformerz. At a gathering ov the Washington Stait Teecherz' Asoesiaishon at Spokane, in Janyuari, tuu thouzand teecherz adopted a rezoluushon komending the wurk ov the Simplified Speling Bord and faivoring the yus ov shorter and simpler formz in skuulz. Oever three hundred teecherz at the Spokane Kounti Teecherz' Instityut paast a similar rezoluushon. At the anyual meeting ov the Idaho Stait Teecherz' Asoesiaishon the foloing rezoluushon woz poot and karid:

> Whairaz, English speling iz kaiotik, ilojikal, unsiëntifik, and kumbersum, and much tiem, muni, and efort ar waisted in teeching, lurning, rieting, and printing yusles leterz; thairfor be it rezolvd bi the Idaho Stait Teecherz' Asoesiaishon, in anyual seshon asembld at Boise, Desember 29–31, that the imeediait yus iz faivord ov the simpler and shorter ov aulturnativ spelingz aulredi in good yus; that a Komiti ov three on Simplified Speling be apointed bi the Prezident tu ko-operait with similar Komitiz aulredi apointed bi the Washington Stait Teecherz' Asoesiaishon and bi the Inland Empier Teecherz' Asoesiaishon.

The Missouri Stait Teecherz' Asoesiaishon haz aulso kum intu lien, not oenli adopting the rekomendaishonz ov the Simplified Speling Bord, but urjing the Stait Syuperintendent and aul uther edyukaitorz tu duu liekwiez. In Ohio the Stait Yunivursiti haz adopted the simplifikaishonz ov the Simplified Speling Bord for aul fyutyur ofishal publikaishonz. We ar hapi tu kongratyulait our American frendz on thair reesent proegres. If the seedz plaanted bi the Simplified Speling Sosieti duu not shoe abuv ground az kwikli az in the American soil, thai nevertheles kontain the jurm ov lief and at tiemz displai vigorus groeth. Wun karid in a "literatyur" enveloep tu Melbourne haz rezulted in the gain tu the Sosieti ov for ov the leeding edyukaishonists ov that siti. With them az leederz hu kan tel hou meni mor wil foloe!

MR. W. GUNDRY, M.A., Hed Maaster, Wissa Skuul, Asyut, wishez tu ekschainj leterz with wun ov our memberz. Mr. Gundry iz not a beginer in simplified speling, but wood liek tu keep in praktis bi koresponding. If eni ov our reederz ar interested in that fasinaiting kuntri Egypt, this iz an oportyuniti tu lurn deetailz at furst hand.

We anouns, with the deepest regret, the deth ov Dr. A. T. Mertens, hu paast awai on March 21 at Nimeguen, Holland. Dr. Mertens, a lief member ov the Simplified Speling Sosieti, was an English Maaster in Nimeguen, and realiezd in hiz avokaishon the advaantijez ov our sistem.

That we ar not the oenli peepl hu ar looking tu the integriti ov nashonal langwij apeerz in the foloing kuting taiken from the "Daily Express":—

> France iz geting tierd ov yuzing English wurdz in aul her sports. A Leeg for the Pyurifikaishon ov the French Langwij dezierz tu duu awai with such turmz az "un dribbling" and "des goals" in footbaul and "des upper cuts" in boksing. It iz propoezd, nou that France haz furmli establisht itself az a sporting naishon, tu substityut wurdz az foloez:—*Criquet* for kriket, *soule* for footbaul, *batteur* for batsman, *guichet* for wiket, and *lanceur* for boeler. Tenis, it iz pointed out, kumz from the French wurd *tenez*, as it woz wuns kauld in France, eeven az poeloe woz wuns noen az *chicane*. Wil England retaliait bi drieving out French wurdz from its kookeri books and fashon noets?

No. England wil retaliait bi heeping koelz ov fier upon the hed ov her Gallik kuzin—so simplifiing her speling that Gallia mai run and reed—and pronouns.

It iz amyuzing that Mr. Bernard Shaw'z laitest sprat haz kaut aul the whailz—wun aulmoest roet "wailz"—ov kritiks. Theez eminent jentlmen hav been so bizi gobling at a litl nauti wurd and chastiezing the author (for provieding them with mateerial whairwith tu fil thair kolumz) that thai hav faild tu noetis the signifikans ov "Pygmalion."

In the plai, Higgins, vurst in the theori and praktis ov fonetiks, taiks Eliza Doolittle from her flouer-stand in the London Street and, bi training her tu speek akording tu her kumpani, enaiblz her tu paas in West End Sosieti.

Nou, Mr. Shaw mai wish tu emfasiez the importans ov fonetiks or meerli tu belitl the konvenshonz ov speech which in the saim kuntri kan kut of klaas from klaas—oenli Mr. Shaw kan tel. But, if thair iz wun thing tu be gleend from hiz plai, it iz not that it kontainz a nauti wurd which the kritiks hav freekwentli, and inakyuraitli, staited never tu hav been yuzd on the English staij befor, but it iz that if we had a standerd ov pronunsiaishon it wood tend **tu loër the barierz between the diferent klaasez ov the komyuniti.**

Turning oever our fielz reesentli we found a leter from Dr. Macan, Maaster ov Yunivursiti Kolej, Oxford, hu iz nou wun ov our Vies-Prezidents. He sez—the leter iz daited November 15, 1908—in forwerding aplikaishon and chek for Lief Membership: "For at leest thurti yeerz I hav been a konvinst and ardent advokait ov a reformaishon in English speling. Prof. Max Müller konvinst me that filolojikal siëns wood gain raather than luuz bi reform. Dr. Gladstone pruuvd that the literari edyukaishon ov the peepl woz woefuli retarded bi our prezent orthografi. M. de Candolle haz on good groundz promist an aulmoest yunivursal emploiment ov English in the wurld—a konsumaishon which our prezent speling shuurli retardz. A meerli simplified speling mai not kari us veri far, but it mai prepair the wai for a reali siëntifik speling, and in that hoep I join yur Sosieti."

From "H.B.B." we hav reseevd this amyuzing noet, which he entietlz "Simplified Speling and Famili Prairz":—Sum yeerz agoe it woz our kustom at famili prairz tu reed a porshon ov Skriptyur, eech purson taiking a vurs in turn. Nou it hapend wun morning that we reecht the 11th chapter ov Joshua, in which the wurd "hough" okurz. The reeder ov vurs 6 sed, "Thou shalt hou thair horsez, and burn thair chariots with fier." This raather tikld sum ov us. The reeder ov vurs 9 woz not satisfied, and red, "He huft thair horsez and

burnt thair chariots with fier." This sekond mistaik provoekt a ror ov laafter in spiet ov the solem okaizhon, and this method ov famili prairz had tu be abandond for the fyutyur, and whot maid it wurs woz that the laafter woz led bi a distingwisht kanon'z dauter hu woz prezent on a vizit and hu aut tu hav noen beter !

AMONG the moest spirited ov our urli simplifiërz woz Deborah, the aimiabl wief ov Benjamin Franklin. Wun ov her veri rair leterz beginz boeldli in this maner: "*This day I received yours, and it was the more exceptabell as I have been verey ill. I have had a bad cold and fever it did not leve me for* 48 *owers and gave me much pain indeed, but is gon of again thank God for his mersey to me.*" She goez on tu speek ov her good man, on huuz "*a Count*" she woz in sum konsurn, for at the tiem, it seemz, he woz at see, and "*as I suppose near the lands end of Ingland and of Corse in danger of being taken.*" Sally Franklin woz taiking lesonz in French. "*I had no desire,*" sez Mrs. Franklin, "*of her larning that language, but shee desired it herself and her master ses shee is a good gurle. She has bin a week to day at it.*"—From the "New York Evening Sun."

Duz it not striek yu that thair iz mor etimolojikal valyu in the "rong" spelingz which throe liet on the pronunsiaishon in Mrs. Franklin'z daiz than in aul the "korekt" spelingz which tel us nuthing about it? **A speling iz ov valyu tu the etimolojist in direkt proporshon az it reprezents kontemporari speech.**

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